

in establishing a communication link between a signal source and a communication terminal, (3) receipt of a password from the communication terminal, and (4) establishing authentication when this password received from the communication terminal matches the second password.

In support of this proposal, the final office action, in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3, (1) cites Creswell which states: "The subscriber is also assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN), a security code, a number of Caller Identification Numbers (CIN) and a number of Secondary CINS (SCIN)" and (2) asserts that "this citation discloses two ID's and two associated passwords each linked with the same customer."

The Applicants respectfully submit that Creswell, considered in full and not merely the portions cited in the office action, fails to anticipate the features of the present claims.

First of all, it is noted that the statements in the final office action do not consider the full teachings of Creswell, and merely superficially allege that the general use of a PIN, security code, CIN and SCINs, and the use of two IDs and two associated passwords, constitutes a teaching of the present claimed subject matter. That this is incorrect will be apparent from the following detailed discussion of Creswell and the claimed invention.

Creswell discloses a system wherein each subscriber of a personalized telephone system, dynamically specifies a number of caller identifiers and a different call treatment for each such identifier as well as a particular billing mode. A call treatment may include, for example, a call forwarding specification to forward an associated call to a particular telephone number, a default telephone number, or a messaging service. In particular, a plurality of stored caller identifiers are stored for a subscriber telephone number each defining a respective call treatment. When a first telephone call is directed to the subscriber telephone number, the caller provides one of the caller identifiers, and the call is processed using the call treatment associated with the received caller identifier.

In one embodiment of Creswell, a subscriber calls a service number and enters his PIN. The service compares the entered PIN with a database of stored PINs. If there is a match, the service then gives the subscriber an announcement providing a list of calling features to access. One such feature is a facsimile service EFAX system 300 and another is a financial service system 400. If the subscriber selects the facsimile service, his call is connected to EFAX system 300, and he must then enter a password to access a stored fax or send a fax. If the subscriber selects the financial service, his call is connected to system 400, and he must

then enter a password to receive various financial indicators. See, col. 14, lines 41-54 and col. 15, lines 18-31.

Comparing Creswell with claim 11, Creswell discloses only steps (a)-(c). That is, the subscriber provides a PIN for accessing the general system and, after accessing the general system, a password for accessing EFAX system 300 or financial services system 400, and the service accesses a password database to retrieve a password corresponding to the subscriber's PIN and compares that retrieved password with the one received from the subscriber to identify the subscriber.

However, it is clear that Creswell does not teach or suggest steps (d)-(g) of claim 11 because (1) there is no disclosure of a second password or a second identifier corresponding to the subscriber's PIN, (2) nor is there any disclosure of a second identifier used in establishing a communication link between a signal source and a communication terminal, (3) nor is there any disclosure of receipt of yet another password from the communication terminal, and (4) nor is there any disclosure of establishing authentication when the yet another password matches a second password.

Thus, contrary to the unfounded allegations in the final office action, Creswell cannot be considered as anticipating present claim 11.

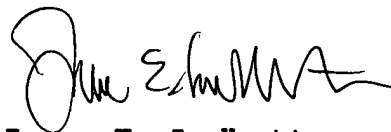
Apparatus claim 13 recites similar features to those discussed above in connection with method claim 11, and distinguishes over Creswell for similar reasons to those noted above.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the applied Creswell reference fails to disclose the above-noted subject matter of independent claims 11 and 13. Thus, it is submitted that claims 11 and 13, and claims 12 and 14 dependent therefrom, respectively, are in allowable condition.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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